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SUBJ: NABLUS YOUTH KILLED DURING DEMONSTRATIONS

REF: JERUSALEM 863

1. SUMMARY: AN 18-YEAR-OLD YOUTH WAS KILLED BY ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES DURING CLASHES IN NABLUS JULY 2 ARISING OUT OF PROTESTS AGAINST IMPOSITION OF EQUIVALENT OF VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT) AND AGAINST SYRIAN ACTION IN LEBANON. CURFEW IMPOSED FOLLOWING VIOLENCE WAS LIFTED AFTERNOON JULY 3. STRIKES THAT BEGAN JULY 1 CONTINUED FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS IN MOST WEST BANK TOWNS. END SUMMARY.

2. PROTESTS AGAINST EQUIVALENT OF VAT TO BE IMPOSED IN
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WEST BANK AUGUST 1 DEVELOPED INTO ANTI-SYRIAN, PRO-PLO DEMON-

STRATIONS IN NABLUS JULY 2 IN WHICH ROCKS AND BOTTLES WERE THROWN BY YOUTHFUL DEMONSTRATORS AT ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES. SHOTS FIRED BY SECURITY FORCES RESULTED IN DEATH OF 18-YEAR-OLD HASHEM SHANTIR. PRESS REPORTS 15 TO 20 OTHERS INJURED DURING VIOLENCE WHICH JERUSALEM POST REPORTS INCLUDED ATTACK ON TAX OFFICE. CURFEW WAS IMPOSED IN MOST PARTS OF NABLUS BUT LIFTED ABOUT 4:00 P.M. FOLLOWING DAY, AFTER SHANTIR'S FUNERAL. MAYOR BASSAM SHAK'A HAS VIGOROUSLY DENIED RADIO REPORTS THAT VIOLENCE INCLUDED MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN CLASHES.

3. MANY OTHER WEST BANK TOWNS WITNESSED CONTINUATION ON JULY 2 AND 3 OF COMMERCIAL STRIKE BEGUN ON JULY 1. MOST SHOPS IN EAST JERUSALEM REMAINED CLOSED JULY 2 BUT RE-OPENED IN LARGE PART JULY 3, AT LEAST IN PART AS RESULT OF POLICE PRESSURE. POLICE WERE SEEN JULY 3 MAKING NOTE OF THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS STILL CLOSED IN EAST JERUSALEM BUSINESS DISTRICT, BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO PHYSICALLY-FORCED OPENINGS.
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